



**Department of
Toxic Substances
Control**

*Preventing
environmental
damage from
hazardous waste,
and restoring
contaminated
sites for all
Californians.*



State of California



**California
Environmental
Protection Agency**

Fact Sheet, August 2006

Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration is Available for Public Review and Comment

The Department of Toxic Substances Control is making a proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration available for public review and comment. Under a California state law known as the California Environmental Quality Act (commonly referred to as CEQA), a Mitigated Negative Declaration is being proposed as it pertains to removal of soil contamination at Beale Air Force Base's Sites 3 (Fire Prevention Training Area) and 38 (former Skeet Shooting Range). The Mitigated Negative Declaration states that cleanup of Sites 3 and 38 will not pose a threat to the environment as long as mitigation measures are followed. An example of a mitigation measure is building a buffer to separate the removal of soil activities from wetland areas.

The Department of Toxic Substances Control is the regulatory agency that is accepting comments on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration.

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Beale Air Force Base is located approximately thirteen miles east of Marysville, California on North Beale Road, covers approximately 22,944 acres, and is located entirely within Yuba County, California. Sites 3 and 38 are located in the northwest portion of the Base on the corner of the Flight Line Area, near the intersection of Doolittle Drive North and J Street.

Site 3 consists of four separate areas where fuels and wastes, including chlorinated solvents, were burned as part of fire fighter training. These activities contaminated soil with dioxins and furans at Site 3 and lead and

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The Department of Toxic Substances Control is holding a public comment period on a proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for Sites 3 and 38. The comment period runs from:

August 7, 2006 through September 7, 2006.

Written or email comments should be submitted to Terry Escarda, Department of Toxic Substances Control, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, CA 95826 or tescarda@dtsc.ca.gov. The location of the information repositories that hold the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and related documents are listed on page three of this fact sheet.



polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons at Site 38. Prolonged exposure to high levels of these contaminants can negatively impact human health and the environment.

THE SITES ARE NOT CURRENTLY A RISK TO THE PUBLIC

The public is not currently at risk because the Sites are fenced, not near Beale Air Force Base boundaries, not accessed by the public, and do not contain volatile contaminants. Groundwater is not currently being used for any purpose.

ENGINEERING EVALUATION/COST ANALYSIS AND ACTION MEMORANDUM

The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration is a State supporting document for two plans called Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (otherwise known as EE/CAs) and Action Memorandums. EE/CAs evaluate various short term cleanup alternatives. Action Memorandums document the preferred cleanup remedy.

The EE/CAs and Action Memorandums were prepared by Beale Air Force Base in July, 2005 for Site 3, and in August, 2005 for Site 38. The Air Force held a public comment period for Site 3's EE/CA and Action Memorandum from July 11 through August 10, 2005. Public review and comment for Site 38's EE/CA and Action Memorandum ran from August 22 through September 21, 2005.

The work being done under the EE/CA's and Action Memorandums is removal of 1500 cubic yards of soil contaminated with dioxins and furans from Site 3, and 4,500 cubic yards of lead and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons from Site 38.

For more information on the project you are encouraged to review Sites 3 and 38 EE/CAs and Action Memorandums. They can be found at the information repository and full administrative record that have been established for this project (see page three of this fact sheet for repository information).

PROPOSED MITIGATION MEASURES

Examples of proposed mitigation measures in the Mitigated Negative Declaration include, but are not limited to:

- Controlling dust by watering, tarping, and cleaning trucks before they leave the Sites.
- Placing a barrier between soil removal activities and wetland areas.
- For every acre of wetland directly impacted by soil removal, two acres of wetland will be set aside at another location on Beale Air Force Base. A direct impact would be if a part of the wetland was dug up and removed.
- Any soil excavation that occurs within 50 feet of a wetland will be considered an indirect impact. If an indirect impact occurs, one-acre of wetland will be set aside at another location on Beale Air Force Base.
- Having a biologist on-Site during soil removal to ensure that mitigation measures are being conducted in compliance with the Mitigated Negative Declaration.
- Soil removal activities will be limited to May through October, 2006.

WHO TO CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you have questions about the cleanup please contact Mr. Terry Escarda by phone at (916) 255-3714 or email at tescarda@dtsc.ca.gov

WHERE TO SEND COMMENTS

All public comments received during the public comment period will be considered in making the final decision on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration.

Comments must be postmarked no later than September 7, 2006. They can be mailed directly to:

Department of Toxic Substances Control
Attn: Mr. Terry Escarda, Project Manager
8800 Cal Center Drive
Sacramento, California 95826.

You may also submit comments by email to tescarda@dtsc.ca.gov

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

If you have questions regarding public involvement at Sites 3 and 38 please contact:

Ms. Heidi Nelson
Public Participation Specialist
Department of Toxic Substances Control
(916) 255-3575 or toll free at
(866) 495-5651. Ms. Nelson can be reached by email at hnelson@dtsc.ca.gov.

MEDIA CONTACT

If you are a member of the media, please contact:

Ms. Carol Singleton
Public Information Officer
Department of Toxic Substances Control
(916) 255-6578. Ms. Singleton can be reached by email at csinglet@dtsc.ca.gov.

NOTICE TO THE HEARING IMPAIRED

You may obtain additional information by using the California State Relay at 1-888-877-5378 (TDD). Ask them to contact Mr. Terry Escarda at (916) 255-3714 regarding the Beale Air Force Base's Site's 3 and 38 projects.

DTSC WEBSITE

If you are interested in learning more about the Department of Toxic Substances Control visit us on the web at www.dtsc.ca.gov.

ENVIROSTOR

You may attain additional information about this project by visiting the EnviroStor website located at:
www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public

INFORMATION REPOSITORIES

Yuba County Library
303 Second Street
Marysville, CA 95901
(530) 749-7380

The complete Administrative Record is available at:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control, 8800 Cal Center Drive
Sacramento, California 95826
Contact Bobbi Jensen at 916-255-3758 for an appointment.

ARE YOU ON DTSC's MAILING LIST?

If you are not on our **Beale Air Force Base** site mailing list but would like to be, please fill out the information below and mail back to: Heidi Nelson, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento., CA 95826

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